MINUTES OF
MOLASH PARISH COUNCIL
On Thursday 9th February 2023 @ 7.30pm

Attendees: Sarah Williams (Chair), Graham Wethered, Angela Goodsell, Julia Phebey
Apologies: Tony Dodd
Also present: Ward Councillor, 1 member of the public

	Topic Lead	Action
1. **Apologies for Absence –** Tony Dodd		
2. Minutes of the last meeting. The minutes were read and it was unanimously resolved to accept them as a true and fair representation of the meeting.		
3. Matters for discussion		
a) **Concluded item from minutes –** some items may be found in both matters and minutes:		
a) The Graveyard – We now have the books containing the records of Baptisms and Deaths in the parish for the years: Baptisms 1871 to date and Deaths – Church from 1511 and Graveyard from 1653		
b) Salt Bins – The bulk bag of road salt hasn't been delivered. Clerk to enquire.		**PC**
g) Wish List – SW obtained from a previous chair the list drawn up in 2003. Some items were still relevant, some now defunct/superseded by ABC/KCC actions. Added to the list: Village library cabinet WW1 commemorative plaques.		
6) Clerk to send communication to ABC concerning planning breaches in the village.		**PC**
b) The hedging whips have been received (Queens Green Canopy). A working party to be put together to get them planted.	**All**	
c) Wish List – see above		
d) Ruck Charity update – The clerk needs the cheque book and bank statements in order to complete the returns. SW to ask DP for them.	**All** **SW**	**SW**
e) Coronation Party		
- The singer has been booked.	**All**	
- Ana Sinclair and family will do a Peruvian dance display		
- A Characturist to be booked. He can do up to 16 drawings per hour of individuals or family groups.		
- A toast (already have champagne flutes in stock).		**SW**
- Venue – At the churchyard again or possibly street party style at the village hall.		
- Time Capsule – to be buried on the green. Maybe to include a newspaper from the day, brief diary notes from willing households etc.		**PC**
f) Clerk to apply for the Ward Councillors Grant when		**Apr23**

applications are open – April 23		
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Report from the Ward Councillor: ABC have a hardship fund KCC have no money for pothole repairs probably for the next 18 months. ABC Planning Department on lockdown at the moment in an attempt to clear some of the backlog.		
4. Planning - **Northdowns House. 21/0548/AS** ABC Planning Officer is happy to permit the application. The owners are still negotiating section 106 payments. Solicitors involved. - **The Woodyard, Pound Lane.** There appears to be a lot of onsite activity at the moment.		
5. Correspondence: - Advice from ABC concerning withdrawal of Planning Application PA/2022/2456 – Elm Tree Cottage, Shottenden Lane.	**PC**	
- Acknowledgment pf receipt of premium payment received by Zurich Insurance. - Email received from LACS Village Gateways. A gateway was supposed to be installed as part of the A252 upgrade, this hasn't happened. Highways steward to be asked for this and the promised update on the success (or not) of the project. - Despite initial public viewing difficulties, the comments made by MPC regarding the Forge House application PA/2022/3050, have been received.		**SW**
- Forester Report December 2022 has been received - MPC responded to planning application PA/2022/3023 for an extension to Butchers Farm. MPC supported this application. - Various communications are now being received detailing various Coronation commemorative goods. - Advice of ABC Planning Application Clearance week 6th – 10th February 2023. - Advice from ABC of payment of Ward Councillor Grant obtained towards the costs of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. - Notice of ABC on line workshops advising how to become a parish councillor 21 February and 21 March in preparation of the local elections in May 2023. - Confidential communication received by the Chair from a concerned resident who believed that works may have commenced at a village property without the necessary planning consent. These concerns were relayed to ABC.		

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6. Any other matters:	**Al**	
- Planning Breaches		
Foodari – MPC and Ward Councillor to approach ABC planning to ask that the breaches are dealt with.		**PC**
Puddleduck Farm - an email to be sent to Planning Enforcement.		
Forge House – see above.	**All**	
- Salt – non arrival of. See above		
- Jed Mann is the new PROW at KCC	**PC**	
- Fire safety Talk – 7pm 1st March 2023 – confirmed.		
7. New items of information from Councillors:		
- Speed Sensors at either end of the village of their speed. An item for the Wish List, maybe funding assistance from Claire Bell, KCC Representative.		
- Calendar profit - £300		
- Due to a house move, Tony Dodd will be retiring from the council. A new member to be sought.		
- Banking arrangements – Any payments and alterations to existing DDs and standing orders are currently done with cheques and via letter. Clerk requested that we look into on-line banking		**SW**
The meeting closed at 21.40		
Next meeting of the council 9th March 2023 at 7.30pm		
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